

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 518320

Details

Other names FATHERLESS BARN CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1986-12-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE SURROUNDING ESTATE AND TO PROVIDE A MEETING PLACE FOR CHRISTIANS.

Activities: To use the church buildings for meetings and activities to promote the Christian faith, in line with our basis of faith to support other Christian organisations and individuals who are seeking to promote the Christian faith anywhere in the world.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dudley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£43,557	£53,704	-	-
2023-12-31	£29,226	£62,696	-	-
2022-12-31	£31,189	£24,850	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,822	£13,658	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,382	£25,476	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN JEFFREY HARBORNE	Chair	2011-10-27
Christopher Mark Adams		2023-03-23
PAUL DAVID VANDEN BRANDEN		
ROBERT JOHN WARNER		
Richard John Mansell		2017-10-04
WESLEY RICHARD ERPEN		

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Accounts

**Annual report of the Trustees of
Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church,
Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen, West Midlands. B63 2HJ**

Year Ending 31 December 2024

Governing Document

The Church is governed by the Trust Deed and its Basis of Faith and Constitution. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 518320.

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Mr Christopher M Adams
Mr Alan Cutler (Died 21 October 2024)
Mr Wesley R Erpen
Mr Alan J Harborne (Chairman)
Mr Richard J Mansell
Mr Paul D Vanden Branden
Mr Robert J Warner (Treasurer and Secretary)

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by the other trustees.

Bankers

HSBC UK Bank plc
31 Church Street
Kidderminster
Worcestershire DY10 2AY

Independent Examiner

Mrs G Morton
11 Abbey Crescent
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The Church does not have any specific investment powers.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are making sure that there

are sufficient leaders to look after the Church when others are absent or if any should leave. The Elders and Deacons make any needs known at a Church members meeting and nominations are invited. There is also a need to make sure that the various activities are adequately staffed by appropriate volunteers, again requests are made to the Church as the need arises. The Trustees are satisfied that any risks have been mitigated.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us on Fatherless Barn estate.

It was very sad to say goodbye to dear Matthew Vangool, one of our members, who went to be with the Lord on 19th January. The church was full for his Thanksgiving Service, and as would be expected, it was a very emotional time. Matthew was loved by all, and he had impacted many people with his clear and constant faith as he faced so many challenges.

It has been encouraging to have one or two other people off the estate attend the church on a Sunday morning fairly regularly. We have also had a family with four children who used to attend FB return for our morning Services. If everyone who sometimes attends church came on the same day, we would easily have over eighty people.

In January we had a Christian comedian, Andy Kind, come and do a Saturday evening 'outreach' event. It was very well attended, and Andy's presentation was well received. It was encouraging to have three people attend who come to the Little Sunbeams on a Wednesday morning.

During the year a young adults meeting started which met on a Friday evening. They have had up to a dozen attend and they have enjoyed the Bible studies, chilling out together, and the regular pizzas!

The 'Encounter Service,' on a Friday evening, has continued throughout the year, and has been appreciated by all those who attend. The numbers have been consistently around forty. The 'Music Group' have done an excellent job in leading the worship for this event as they have at every other Service in the church. Some Sundays there are ten people in the 'Group' and they meet most Monday evenings to prepare for the Sunday.

Our weekend away at the Quinta was well attended. It was great having Andrew and Ruth Garvey Williams join us from Ireland to be our speakers.

We ran a Christianity Explored Course for six weeks. Some weeks they had a dozen people attend which was encouraging. It was a thrill to baptise four young people in September and the church was full. Others who attended the baptism course were considering being baptised.

Following a Members meeting and further discussions in our Elders and Deacons meeting, it was decided that at the moment we wouldn't move ahead with applying for membership of the FIEC. This might change in the future, but we agreed at present to consider becoming a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Many people who visited the church during the year commented on how fresh the building now looked after the new carpets had been laid, new curtains hung, and the stage removed.

Most of the ministry has once again been delivered by members of our Leadership Team and we have been systematically been going through the Gospel of John. It has also been helpful to have a number of visiting speakers, bringing variety to our Services.

Our '60 Plus' club has continued once a month on a Monday. The team of volunteers do a great job, and they have over twenty older folks attending, all enjoying their meal and time together.

The 'Knit & Natter' group on a Friday morning has seen up to sixteen people attend and everyone enjoys the opportunity of just spending time together. The Ladies Bible study group on a Friday has also continued.

Our children's and youth work has continued, and we are thankful that so many people volunteer either in teaching in Sunday School, helping with JAM Club, or running Ignite, on one occasion sixteen young people went to BCM's Fulfil event in Birmingham. At our JAM Club, the numbers have regularly been around the fifteen mark. Everyone enjoys it including the leaders who love the opportunity of teaching the children the Word of God.

The 'Little Sunbeams,' our parent and toddler group, has continued to run on a Wednesday morning. Some Wednesdays there have been up to twenty-five children and lots of positive conversations take place with the parents. The Christmas Craft Day was the busiest ever with over 150 people passing through the church.

Some of the men of the church once again went to Snowdon for the weekend and as on other occasions had a great time. Some climbed Snowdon and others enjoyed the local amenities, but the highlight was just being together. It was great having some younger men attend. In the autumn, a men's breakfast took place with around twenty-five men attending

Christmas was a busy time. The young people put on their Christmas presentations in the morning Service and our Candlelit Carol Service saw the church more-or-less full, and it was great to have such a clear challenge from our guest speaker.

Our House Groups have continued on a Tuesday evening with a Halesowen and a Stourbridge Group meeting.

Dudley MBC have used the Church for elections, including the General Election. The Church building has also been used a number of times by a local charity 'Freetime' for meetings.

The Church House continues to be occupied by Wesley and Jackie Erpen on a rent free basis.

Church Building

All of the annual checks of the gas appliances, electrical appliances and fixed wiring have been done and are up to date.

The new audio-visual system has made a big difference to our worship.

Outside, work is being done to the grounds at the back of the Church where a new fence is needed and it needs a general 'tidy-up'. On the side, facing the road, the grass is being levelled up to make it usable in the summer months and an area where wedding photos can be taken.

The kitchen is in need of attention and we are looking at updating or relocating it to the rear hall.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 have been independently examined. The accounts show a very healthy position. We give thanks again to God for His provision and for all who give to the work of the Church.

Principal Funding Sources

Donations and gifts are our main source of income and we are most appreciative of the continued support of church members and others who give in various ways. We do not make appeals for funding to people outside of Church membership other than through collections made at our Sunday morning family service. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Future Plans

Further to our meeting with Paul Mallard about joining the FIEC, after a discussion with the Church membership the leadership of the church agreed that we would not join. It was agreed that we should consider joining the Evangelical Alliance.

Searchlight Theatre Company have been asked to come to us again for a Saturday evening outreach event.

Other outreach events such as the breakfasts, will continue.

We are expecting a number of people to be baptised.

We are still keeping in mind the need to keep praying that the Lord will guide us regarding whether we employ a part-time worker or a full-time Pastor.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

On 11/10/25

A J Harborne
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Alan J Harborne

Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

518320

Set out on pages

One to three

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

G Morton

Date:

22 September 2025

Name:

Gillian Morton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

BOOKKEEPER.

Address:

11 Abbey Crescent

Halesowen

West Midlands B63 2HP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024****INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds 2024</u> £	<u>Total 2023</u> £
Donations and Legacies	33,400	7,591	40,991	28,576
Charitable Activities	0	1,145	1,145	0
Other Income	895	0	895	0
Investments	526	0	526	650
TOTAL INCOME	34,821	8,736	43,557	29,226

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	43,513	10,192	53,705	62,696
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	43,513	10,192	53,705	62,696

NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	-8,692	-1,456	-10,148	-33,470
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	26,510	1,496	28,006	61,476
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	17,818	40	17,858	28,006

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2024

<u>2023</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024</u>
8,369.19	Offerings & Donations	9,339.50
12,648.00	Gift Aid Donations	20,421.07
4.93	Offertory Box	18.32
3,441.25	HMRC Tax Refund	3,581.25
2,915.03	Gifts for Maintenance Fund	589.65
297.61	Gifts for Missionary Fund	640.75
	Gifts to Missionary Fund for R Gidney Support	40.00
580.00	Gifts for PA Fund	120.00
	60+ Lunch Club	1145.00
	Other Income	895.01
649.68	Interest Received	526.10
320.00	Quinta 2024	<u>6,240.00</u>
<u>29,225.69</u>	Total Income	43,556.65
61,475.91	Opening Balance	<u>28,005.92</u>
<u>90,701.60</u>		<u>71,562.57</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
2,963.58	Gas	1,789.15
1,456.24	Electricity	806.15
186.76	Water Rates - Church	193.34
1,125.00	Insurance - Church	1,140.00
620.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	810.00
3,400.00	Gifts to Missionaries	3,300.00
2,760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	3,720.00
44,024.31	Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements	24,007.63
	60+ Group	1,971.93
540.73	Youth Expenses	384.80
145.00	Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS)	145.00
252.00	Training	176.15
1,063.41	Outreach Expenses	901.91
820.70	CCLI - Copyright Licence	877.37
200.00	Quinta 2024	7,933.50
611.71	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,079.03
71.20	Bank Charges	76.50
	Legal Expenses	600.00
427.78	Insurance - Church House	455.38
	Water Rates - Church House	1,322.43
396.19	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	300.00
1,631.07	Church House Council Tax	<u>1,714.18</u>
<u>62,695.68</u>	Total Expenditure	53,704.45
<u>28,005.92</u>	Balance Carried Forward	<u>17,858.12</u>
<u>90,701.60</u>		<u>71,562.57</u>
	Represented By:	
1,507.55	Current Account	512.06
25,725.47	Savings Account	17,285.28
772.90	Cash in Hand	60.78
<u>28,005.92</u>		<u>17,858.12</u>

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

Restricted Funds

	<u>Missionary</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Maintenance</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>PA Fund</u>	<u>Quinta</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>60+</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2023	0	0	580	120	796	1,496
Income for the year	641	590	120	6240	1145	8,736
Expenditure for the year	-601	-590	-700	-6360	-1941	-10,192
Balances as at 31 December 2024	40	0	0	0	0	40

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2023	26,510
Net movement in year	-8,692
Balance as at 31 December 2024	17,818

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	40
Unrestricted Funds	17,818
	17,858

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 518320

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Review of Activities and Future Plans

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us on Fatherless Barn estate.

Church Ministries

We can thank God that the numbers of people attending our Sunday morning Service has continued to increase slightly throughout the year. It has also been encouraging to see that those who have recently joined are beginning to feel part of the FB family. We are grateful to our worship group who give so much of their time to practice for all our Services and make such a positive difference to our worship. It was great that in July Paul Vanden Branden was confirmed as an Elder. Most of the ministry has once again been delivered by members of our Leadership Team. At the beginning of the year, we concluded our study of the book of Romans. It has also been helpful to have a number of visiting speakers, bringing variety to our Services.

In January, our Encounter Service restarted on a Friday evening and at the first meeting there were over forty people who attended. This Service has continued throughout the year with similar numbers attending. It has been great to have such a wide selection of speakers at this event, from those within and without the church.

In the autumn, our '60 Plus' restarted on a Monday. The team of volunteers do a great job, and they have close on twenty folks attending, all enjoying their meal and time together. One of our ladies had the vision of starting a 'Knit & Natter' group on a Friday morning and although the numbers have fluctuated between about six and ten, it has been appreciated by all. It has been good to have people attend who have had nothing to do with our church.

Our children's and youth work has continued, and we are thankful that so many people volunteer either in teaching in Sunday School, helping with JAM Club, or running Ignite. Ignite is our teenager's group, and on one occasion they took sixteen young people to BCM's Fulfil event in Birmingham. They have also taken a group to Alton Tours as well as local visits to the tenpin bowling in Dudley and walks up Clent. At our JAM Club the numbers have been less than last year with around the fifteen mark. Everyone enjoys it including the leaders who love the opportunity of teaching the children the Word of God. The 'Little Sunbeams,' our parent and toddler group, has continued to run on a Wednesday morning. Some Wednesdays there have been up to thirty children and lots of positive conversations take place with the parents. The Christmas Craft Day saw around ten of these moms call in with their children.

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Our House Groups have continued on a Tuesday evening meeting in homes in Halesowen and Stourbridge. We also meet monthly for our church prayer meeting in the church.

During June we had an outreach event with Searchlight drama company. It was a worthwhile event with around sixty people attending. We plan to organise other similar outreach events in the future. Our annual visit to Bromsgrove Baptist Church for the Saltmine Pantomime took place again, and around eighty people went from our church.

Church Building

In April we had the car park resurfaced with block paving it has made a massive improvement to the look of the church and perhaps more importantly, to the safety of people walking over the car park. The old slabs that we had had for decades were way past their sell by date. Towards the end of the year, we also had the old carpet replaced in the main hall and smaller hall, the stage taken down to give more flexibility. The main hall

was repainted, and new curtains fitted. The porch on the Church House, which was in poor condition, was replaced.

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Future Plans

In May we had a visit from a representative of the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) who spoke about what joining the FIEC would look like. He was very clear and helpful as we consider the way ahead. The leadership of the church are prayerfully considering whether the church should join. The Church members will also be asked how they would feel about linking up with the FIEC.

We are still exploring the possibility of appointing a part-time Pastor or Community Outreach Worker.

Together with our solicitors, we are looking at the possibility of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

A number of times during the year we have reminded ourselves of the need to keep praying that the Lord will guide us regarding whether we employ a part-time worker or a full-time Pastor.

We are exploring the possibility of improving our audio-visual system, as we have had some problems with it. Quotes are been obtained. We are also considering ways of how to make the rear of the church look better and be more useful.

Dudley Council have used the building for one of their local Councillor meetings and on the back of that requested that they could use our building for the voting as there is a desire to stop disrupting children's education by using schools. We have agreed that they can use the building in the future.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

On 9th October 2024

.....A J Harborne.....
Alan J Harborne
Chairman



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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members of**

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Signed:

Date: 14 October 2024

Name: Gillian Morton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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West Midlands B63 2HP

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds 2023</u> £	<u>Total 2022</u> £
Donations and Legacies	24,463	4,113	28,576	26,434
Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	4,660
Investments	650	0	650	95
TOTAL INCOME	25,113	4,113	29,226	31,189
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	59,283	3,413	62,696	24,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	59,283	3,413	62,696	24,850
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	-34,170	700	-33,470	6,339
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	60,680	796	61,476	55,137
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	26,510	1,496	28,006	61,476

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2023</u>
6,743.22	Offerings & Donations	8,369.19
12,235.00	Gift Aid Donations	12,648.00
5.77	Offertory Box	4.93
3,349.54	HMRC Tax Refund	3,441.25
	Gifts for Maintenance Fund	2,915.03
	Gifts for Missionary Fund	297.61
	Gifts for PA Fund	580.00
3000.00	Gifts for Ciechenow City Mission	
94.60	Interest Received	649.68
5,761.50	Quinta 2022	
	Quinta 2024	320.00
31,189.63	Total Income	29,225.69
55,136.76	Opening Balance	61,475.91
86,326.39		90,701.60
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
1,001.59	Gas	2,963.58
393.20	Electricity	1,456.24
174.99	Water Rates - Church	186.76
1,050.00	Insurance - Church	1,125.00
500.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	620.00
3,100.00	Gifts to Missionaries	3,400.00
3,000.00	Gift for Ciechenow City Mission	
2,760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	2,760.00
1,391.34	Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements	44,024.31
6,476.50	Church Weekend Quinta	
43.75	Youth Expenses	540.73
129.00	Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS)	145.00
255.60	Training	252.00
251.39	Outreach Expenses	1,063.41
743.17	CCLI - Copyright Licence	820.70
	Quinta 2024	200.00
369.11	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	611.71
97.60	Bank Charges	71.20
399.10	Insurance - Church House	427.78
584.40	Water Rates - Church House	
730.68	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	396.19
1,399.06	Church House Council Tax	1,631.07
24,850.48	Total Expenditure	62,695.68
61,475.91	Balance Carried Forward	28,005.92
86,326.39		90,701.60
	Represented By:	
1,375.91	Current Account	1,507.55
59,409.72	Savings Account	25,725.47
690.28	Cash in Hand	772.90
61,475.91		28,005.92

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

Restricted Funds

	<u>Missionary</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Maintenance</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>PA Fund</u>	<u>Quinta</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>60+</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2022	0	0	0	0	796	796
Income for the year	298	2915	580	320	0	4,113
Expenditure for the year	-298	-2915		-200	0	-3,413
Balances as at 31 December 2023	0	0	580	120	796	1,496

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2022	60,680
Net movement in year	-34,170
Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>26,510</u>

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	1,496
Unrestricted Funds	26,510
	<u>28,006</u>

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 518320

Accounts

**Annual report of the Trustees of Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen,
West Midlands. B63 2HJ
Year Ending 31 December 2022**

The Church is governed by the Trust Deed and its Basis of Faith and Constitution. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 518320.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr Alan Cutler
Mr Wesley R Erpen
Mr Alan J Harborne (Chairman)
Mr Richard J Mansell
Mr Paul D Vanden Branden
Mr Robert J Warner (Treasurer and Secretary)

Mr Christopher M Adams was appointed as a Trustee on 23 March 2023

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by the other trustees.

Bankers

HSBC UK Bank plc
31 Church Street
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Worcestershire DY10 2AY

Independent Examiner

Mrs G Morton
11 Abbey Crescent
Halesowen B63 2HP

The aims of the Charity are to provide a meeting place for its members and others who are interested in the Christian faith. We seek to reach out to those in the community with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A summary of the achievements in these activities is set out below. The Trustees are satisfied that these achievements clearly demonstrate that the Charity has throughout the year fulfilled its responsibility to meet the requirement of providing a Public Benefit and has thereby complied with its duty to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The Church is led by Elders and supported by Deacons who are elected by the Church membership in accordance with the constitution. The Church does not employ anyone, all roles are done by volunteers.

There have not been any related party transactions during the year.

The policy of the Trustees is to try and keep at least £1,500 in cash for the General Fund, as reserves for contingencies. In planning for the future we will also need to increase funds for possible building alterations. During the year this has been maintained and funds retained for the possibility of making alterations to the Church building.

The Church does not have any specific investment powers.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are making sure that there are sufficient leaders to look after the Church when others are absent or if any should leave. The Elders and Deacons make any needs known at a Church members meeting and nominations are invited. There is also a need to make sure that the various activities are adequately staffed by appropriate volunteers, again requests are made to the Church as the need arises. The Trustees are satisfied that any risks have been mitigated.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us on Fatherless Barn estate.

Church Ministries

It took a few months for church attendance on a Sunday to begin to feel as if we were getting anywhere back to where we were prior to Covid. Understandably, some of our older people were still feeling nervous and didn't initially return, and it appeared that others had settled into 'doing church' online. Thankfully, by the end of the year, we were beginning to see the church fill up again with one or two new people attending, and others returning. At the same time, there are still at least half a dozen people who were on the periphery of the church, who still haven't returned.

A highlight of the year was our church weekend away at the Quinta in June. We had more people attend than we have ever had before, and everyone appreciated being together. We received some helpful ministry and the narrative of the Lord Jesus calming the storm. We have booked to return to the Quinta in June 2024.

Another highlight was the baptismal service in September. It was great having the church full and wonderful to hear the three who were being baptised share their different stories of how they came to faith. During the autumn it was good to have up to ten people attend our Christianity Explored course. A number of the older teenagers attended along with three others. Our church was once again fairly full for our Candlelit Candle Service and a good number attended the Christmas Day Service.

Our JAM Club, on a Friday, has been well attended with some weeks seeing up to thirty children. There has been a good team of volunteers from the church who make this club happen, from those delivering the craft for the week, teaching the Bible story, or running the games. It has been especially encouraging to have regular help from those who do not normally attend church. It is a pleasure to teach the Word of God to so many children at the end of a busy week at work. The Ignite Club for our teenagers which runs every other week, has had up to twelve youngsters attend and the leaders have done an excellent job in organising the programme. As well as meeting at the church they have had walks up Clent Hills and attended the Birmingham City Missions Fulfil youth event in Birmingham.

Most of the ministry has once again been delivered by members of our Leadership Team. The main Bible series we did was to go through the book of Romans. It has also been helpful to have a number of visiting speakers, bringing variety to our Services. Sunday School has been running every week but with lower numbers prior to Covid. We are grateful to everyone who volunteers as a Sunday School Teacher. Our House Groups were restarted, meeting in homes in Halesowen and Stourbridge. We have continued to meet in church for our monthly church prayer meeting.

Church Building

In the light of the reduction of numbers of people attending church at the beginning of the year it was an easy decision to not move ahead with the proposed plans to extend the building. This led the leadership team to draw up a list of jobs that needed to be done around the church from new carpets, a new PA system to relaying the car park and other suggestions. The plan is to prioritise and complete the jobs as soon as is practical.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022 have been independently examined. The accounts show a very healthy position. We give thanks again to God for His provision and for all who give to the work of the Church.

Principal Funding Sources

Donations and gifts are our main source of income and we are most appreciative of the continued support of church members and others who give in various ways. We do not make appeals for funding to people outside of Church membership other than through collections made at our Sunday morning family service. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Future Plans

As we come to the end of 2022, we can thank the Lord that He has enabled us to minister to so many people throughout the past year. We look to the Lord to guide and bless us as we enter a new year, and we pray that during the coming twelve months we will see a significant increase in the number of people attending the church. It is hoped that our work with the elderly, 60+ will restart this year as it has not been running since Covid.

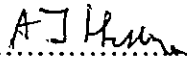
We are exploring the possibility of appointing a part-time Pastor or Community Outreach Worker.

The Church members will be asked how they would feel about linking up with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

We will continue to make improvements to the church building to improve the facilities.

We are in the process of updating the Trust Deed for the Church in preparation for registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. In preparation for this we have instructed PearceLegal, solicitors, to recover our deeds and files previously held by Garner Canning from the SRA.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees
on 8 October 2023


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Alan J Harborne
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

518320

Set out on pages

1 – 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

G Morton

Date:

16 October 2023

Name:

Mrs G Morton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

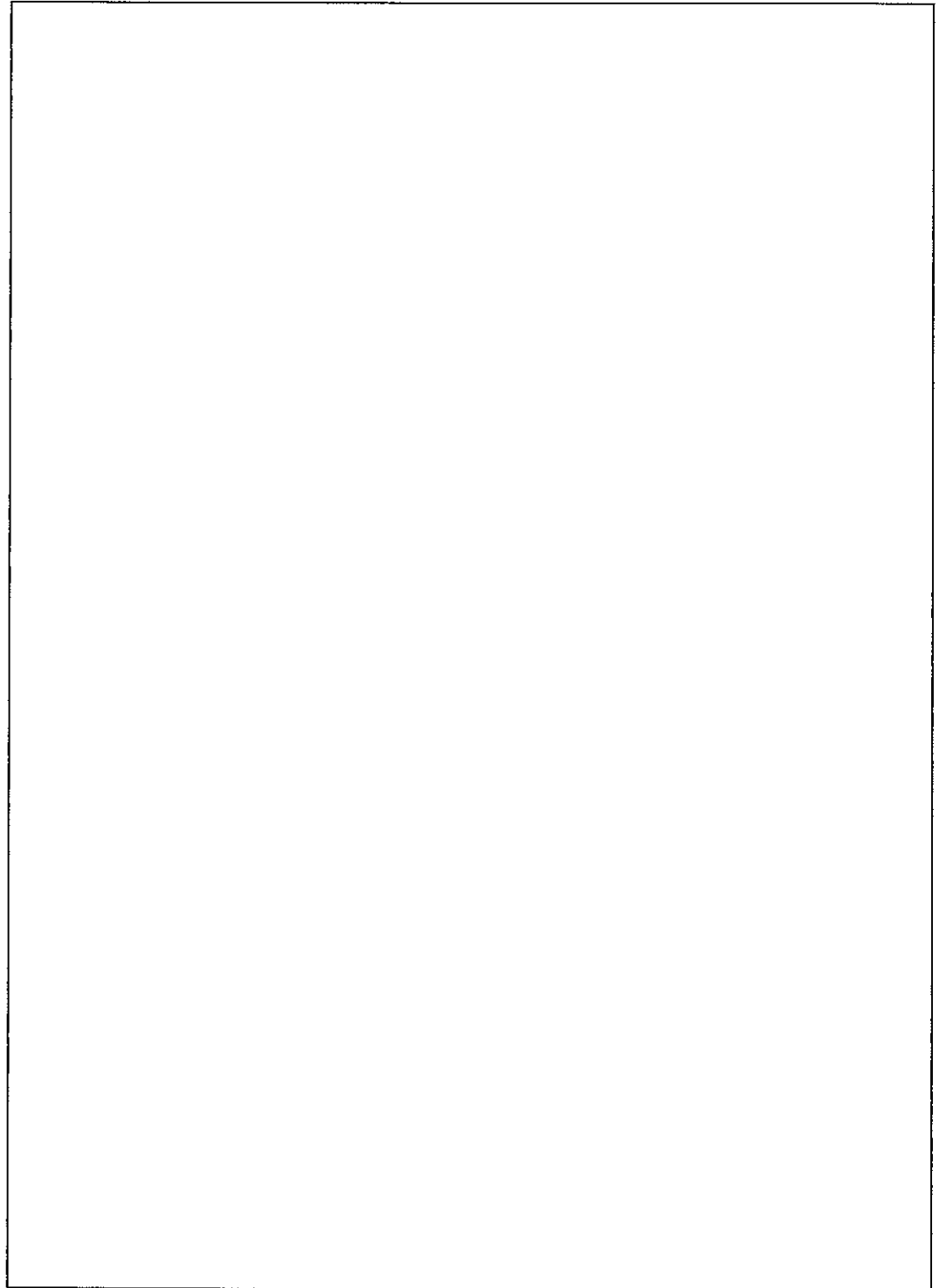
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds 2022</u> £	<u>Total 2021</u> £
Donations and Legacies	22,333	4,101	26,434	28,805
Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	4,660	4,660	0
Investments	95	0	95	17
TOTAL INCOME	22,428	8,761	31,189	28,822

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	15,374	9,476	24,850	13,658
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,374	9,476	24,850	13,658
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	7,054	-715	6,339	15,164
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	53,626	1,511	55,137	39,973
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	60,680	796	61,476	55,137

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2022

<u>2021</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2022</u>
6,245.00	Offerings & Donations	6,743.22
13,765.00	Gift Aid Donations	12,235.00
	Offertory Box	5.77
3,346.88	HMRC Tax Refund	3,349.54
5,098.37	Legacy for General Fund	
350.00	Gifts for Building Fund	
	Gifts for Ciechenow City Mission	3000.00
17.07	Interest Received	94.60
	Quinta 2022	5,761.50
<u>28,822.32</u>	Total Income	<u>31,189.63</u>
<u>39,972.78</u>	Opening Balance	<u>55,136.76</u>
<u>68,795.10</u>		<u>86,326.39</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
178.66	Gas	1,001.59
110.02	Electricity	393.20
203.41	Water Rates - Church	174.99
999.80	Insurance - Church	1,050.00
300.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	500.00
2,800.00	Gifts to Missionaries	3,100.00
	Gift for Ciechenow City Mission	3,000.00
2,760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	2,760.00
1,153.20	Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements	1,391.34
600.00	Tree Survey	
200.00	Church Weekend Quinta	6,476.50
120.60	Youth Expenses	43.75
129.00	Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS)	129.00
	Safeguarding Training	255.60
70.00	Outreach Expenses	251.39
708.58	CCLI - Copyright Licence	743.17
510.68	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	369.11
	Bank Charges	97.60
352.30	Insurance - Church House	399.10
551.89	Water Rates - Church House	584.40
414.00	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	730.68
<u>1,496.20</u>	Church House Council Tax	<u>1,399.06</u>
<u>13,658.34</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>24,850.48</u>
<u>55,136.76</u>	Balance Carried Forward	<u>61,475.91</u>
<u>68,795.10</u>		<u>86,326.39</u>
	Represented By:	
386.07	Current Account	1,375.91
54,670.21	Savings Account	59,409.72
80.48	Cash in Hand	690.28
<u>55,136.76</u>		<u>61,475.91</u>

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

Restricted Funds

	<u>Ciechanow</u>	<u>Quinta</u>	<u>60+</u>	
	<u>City Miss</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2021	0	715	796	1,511
Income for the year	3000	5761	0	8,761
Expenditure for the year	-3000	-6476	0	-9476
Balances as at 31 December 2022	0	0	796	796

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2021	53,626
Net movement in year	7,054
Balance as at 31 December 2022	<u>60,680</u>

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	796
Designated Funds	800
Unrestricted Funds	59,084
	<u>60,680</u>

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 518320

Accounts

**Annual report of the Trustees of Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, Hedgefield Grove,
Halesowen, West Midlands. B63 2HJ
Year Ending 31 December 2021**

The Church is governed by the Trust Deed and its Basis of Faith and Constitution. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 518320.

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Independent Examiner

Mrs G Morton
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The policy of the Trustees is to try and keep at least £1,500 in cash for the General Fund, as reserves for contingencies. In planning for the future we will also need to increase funds for possible building alterations. During the year this has been maintained and funds retained for the possibility of making alterations to the Church building.

The Church does not have any specific investment powers.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are making sure that there are sufficient leaders to look after the Church when others are absent or if any should leave. The Elders and Deacons make any needs known at a Church members meeting and nominations are invited. There is also a need to make sure that the various activities are adequately staffed by appropriate volunteers, again requests are made to the Church as the need arises. The Trustees are satisfied that any risks have been mitigated.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us on Fatherless Barn estate. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 has continued to affect the ministry of the Church.

Church Ministries

From January 2021 we continued to operate online Services on a Sunday morning. The numbers attending the live presentations fluctuated anything between 15 to 30 people but the number of people who watched the recordings via YouTube during the week rose sometimes to around 60 views.

We met as a Church on a Sunday morning outside for our Easter morning service and then, when the government guidelines allowed, we moved back to holding live services in the church on a Sunday morning. People wore masks, windows were kept open, social distancing was observed and a register of those attending was kept. Everyone was encouraged to leave as quickly as possible at the end of the services, to restrict the possibility of any transmission of the coronavirus.

On a good day we had close on 30 people in attendance. The services were recorded so that folks could watch at home if they still felt uncomfortable in coming out to church.

In July, the Church opened for normal Services. People were encouraged to still wear a mask if they felt more comfortable in doing so. From September to December, it would be fair to say that the profile of the church looked very different from our pre-covid days, with several of our families deciding not to attend regularly. We did hold a Family Carol Service and also a live indoor candlelit / battery lights Carol Service in the evening, and both Services were fairly full. All the children's groups did an excellent job with their Christmas presentations. We also had about sixty people attend our Christmas Day Service.

We didn't restart either our 60-Plus group for the elderly on a Tuesday or our JAM Club on a Friday for the primary aged children. We did restart Little Sunbeams, our parent and toddler group, on a Wednesday morning. Windows were kept open in the church and people were requested to wear a mask until they were seated. The numbers rose to around 25 parents bringing children and everyone appreciated the opportunity of getting out of their homes and spending time face-to-face with people. JAM Club subsequently restarted in October.

There has been a group meeting for prayer via Zoom on a Friday morning and people have appreciated it. We had our monthly prayer meetings either by Zoom or in person. Our reading programme continued for over a year, and it was great to hear the Word of God read every day by people from the church, but in April it was decided that it had run its course. Even though we didn't have regularly daily readings people were encouraged to read a passage that had been a blessing to them if they wanted to.

Most of the ministry has been delivered by members of the Leadership Team. We did a short series throughout the year on 'Not so well-known characters from the Old Testament.'

Church Building

We submitted revised plans to extend the building to Dudley Planning Department on 9 December 2020. On 12 February 2021 we received the news that planning permission had been granted. We asked a building company for an estimate to do the work and a figure of close on £500k excluding VAT was suggested. It became clear to everyone on the Leadership Team that due to the smaller profile of the church pouring money into bricks and mortar wasn't the main priority now. Instead of the extension we are looking at how we can improve the Church facilities and we are drawing up a 'wish list' of what we think needs to be done before prioritising what we need to do.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021 have been independently examined. The accounts show a very healthy position. The figures are very similar to last year, once the extra items of expenditure are taken out. We give thanks again to God for His provision.

Principal Funding Sources


Donations and gifts are our main source of income and we are most appreciative of the continued support of church members and others who give in various ways. We do not make appeals for funding to people outside of Church membership other than through collections made at our Sunday morning family service. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Future Plans

As we came to the end of 2021, we thanked the Lord that He had enabled us to minister to so many people throughout those challenging twelve months. It is difficult to be clear about the future, but one thing that is certain, is we must focus on rebuilding our church fellowship. It would be good to restart the 60+ Group and House Groups when it is appropriate to do so. As mentioned we will be looking at improving the fabric of the building and are also considering the future leadership of the Church, whether we need to be looking to appoint either a part-time Pastor or a Community Outreach worker. Thankfully, we can rest in the fact that the FB Church is not our Church but God's, and we can trust the future to our Lord.

We are in the process of updating the Trust Deed for the Church in preparation for registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Unfortunately when we came to submit the document to our solicitors, Garner Canning, we found out that they had been closed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). We have approached another firm, PearceLegal, who are based in Solihull and they will be looking to recover our deeds and files previously held by Garner Canning from the SRA, this may take some time.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees
on 13 October 2022


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Alan J Harborne
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

518320

Set out on pages

1 to 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

G Morton

Date:

21 October 2022

Name:

Mrs G Morton

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

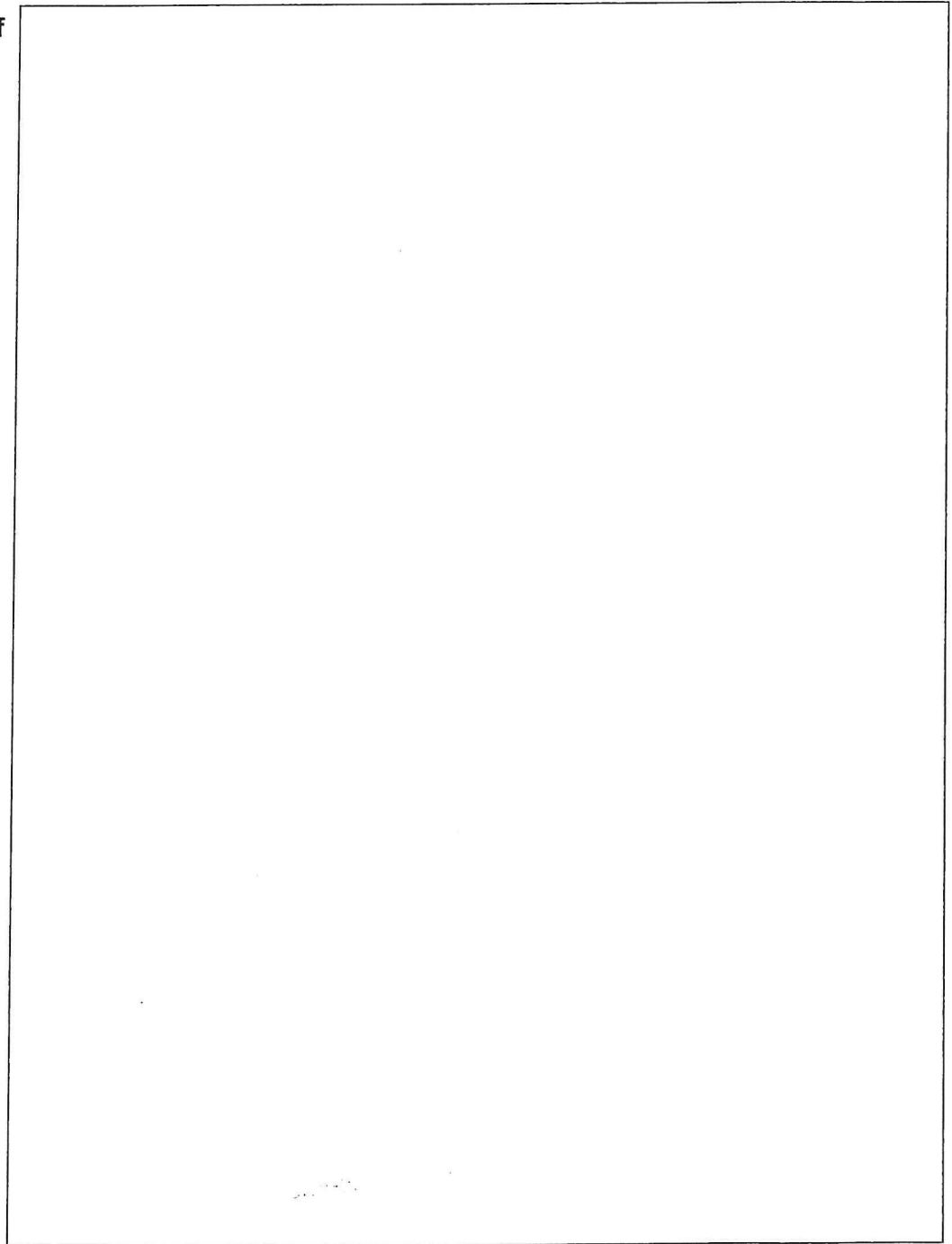
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Halesowen
West Midlands B63 2HP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2021</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u> £
Donations and Legacies	28,455	350	28,805	26,240
Charitable Activities	0	0	0	487
Other Income	0	0	0	585
Investments	17	0	17	70
TOTAL INCOME	28,472	350	28,822	27,382

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	13,108	550	13,658	25,476
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,108	550	13,658	25,476
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	15,364	-200	15,164	1,906
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	38,262	1,711	39,973	38,067
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	53,626	1,511	55,137	39,973

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2021

<u>2020</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2021</u>
6,216.00	Offerings & Donations	6,245.00
13,398.15	Gift Aid Donations	13,765.00
6,325.00	HMRC Tax Refund	3,346.88
	Gifts for Building Fund	350.00
	Legacy for General Fund	5,098.37
	Legacy for 60+	
300.00	60 + Group	
487.40	Interest Received	17.07
70.09	Quinta 2020	
585.00	Total Income	<u>28,822.32</u>
<u>27,381.64</u>	Opening Balance	<u>39,972.78</u>
38,067.36		<u>68,795.10</u>
<u>65,449.00</u>		
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
1,029.00	Gas	178.66
474.00	Electricity	110.02
66.56	Water Rates - Church	203.41
987.46	Insurance - Church	999.80
140.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	300.00
2,950.00	Gifts to Missionaries	2,800.00
2,760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	2,760.00
11,982.90	Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements	1,153.20
	Tree Survey	600.00
600.00	Church Weekend Quinta	200.00
244.61	Youth Expenses	120.60
120.00	Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS)	129.00
466.57	60+ Group	
115.06	Outreach Expenses	70.00
690.85	CCLI - Copyright Licence	708.58
125.29	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	510.68
335.14	Insurance - Church House	352.30
540.07	Water Rates - Church House	551.89
427.20	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	414.00
1,421.51	Church House Council Tax	<u>1,496.20</u>
<u>25,476.22</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>13,658.34</u>
39,972.78	Balance Carried Forward	<u>55,136.76</u>
<u>65,449.00</u>		<u>68,795.10</u>
	Represented By:	
416.75	Current Account	386.07
39,445.85	Savings Account	54,670.21
110.18	Cash in Hand	80.48
<u>39,972.78</u>		<u>55,136.76</u>

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

Restricted Funds

	<u>Building</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Quinta</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>60+</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2020	0	915	796	1,711
Income for the year	350	0	0	350
Expenditure for the year	-350	-200	0	-550
Balances as at 31 December 2021	0	715	796	1,511

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2020	38,262
Net movement in year	15,364
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>53,626</u>

The Trustees have designated £800 from the Unrestricted Funds to the Building Fund

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	1,511
Designated Funds	800
Unrestricted Funds	52,826
	<u>55,137</u>

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 518320

Accounts

**Annual report of the Trustees of Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, Hedgefield Grove,
Halesowen, West Midlands. B63 2HJ
Year Ending 31 December 2020**

The Church is governed by the Trust Deed and its Basis of Faith and Constitution. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 518320.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr Alan Cutler
Mr Wesley R Erpen
Mr Alan Harborne (Chairman)
Mr Richard J Mansell
Mr Paul D Vanden Branden
Mr Robert J Warner (Treasurer and Secretary)

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by the other trustees.

Bankers

HSBC UK Bank plc
37 High Street
Stourport on Severn
Worcestershire DY13 8BD

Solicitors

Garner Canning Limited
11 Aldergate
Tamworth
Staffordshire B79 7DL

Independent Examiner

Mrs J A Cooke
31 Home Meadow Court
340 Haunch Lane
Kings Heath
Birmingham B13 0PN

The Church does not have any specific investment powers.

The aims of the Charity are to provide a meeting place for its members and others who are interested in the Christian faith. We seek to reach out to those in the community with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A summary of the achievements in these activities is set out below. The Trustees are satisfied that these achievements clearly demonstrate that the Charity has throughout the year fulfilled its responsibility to meet the requirement of providing a Public Benefit and has thereby complied with its duty to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The Church is led by Elders and supported by Deacons who are elected by the Church membership in accordance with the constitution. The Church does not employ anyone, all roles are done by volunteers.

There have not been any related party transactions during the year.

The policy of the Trustees is to try and keep at least £1,500 in cash for the General Fund, as reserves for contingencies. In planning for the future we will also need to increase funds for possible building alterations. During the year this has been maintained and funds retained for the possibility of making alterations to the Church building.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are making sure that there are sufficient leaders to look after the Church when others are absent or if any should leave. The Elders and Deacons make any needs known at a Church members meeting and nominations are invited. There is also a need to make sure that the various activities are adequately staffed by appropriate volunteers, again requests are made to the Church as the need arises. The Trustees are satisfied that any risks have been mitigated.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us in Fatherless Barn estate. Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 and the UK moving into what became known as the first Lockdown, the effects went on to shape the life and ministry of the Church.

Church Ministries

Up until Lockdown in March our family service continued to be well supported with the main Church Hall being full when everyone connected with the Church attended. Almost immediately following Lockdown we produced video services for Sunday mornings which were uploaded on to YouTube with the link being posted on the Church WhatsApp group. For most of us this was a big learning curve. Initially we regularly had over 60 people viewing the services and it was good to discover that one or two people who did not normally attend Church were watching the videos.

We also started a daily reading programme based on our Church WhatsApp group. It was great to hear young and old reading God's word each day and in the Lockdown when we could not meet it provided a source of great encouragement.

A number of people have appreciated the Friday morning prayer times via Zoom which one of our members has been faithfully running, supplementing our monthly prayer meeting held on Zoom. Our Bible study on Zoom, going through the book of James, was not well attended but it was encouraging to study the word of God.

In the autumn we made the decision to meet in the Church following Government guidelines but it was not satisfactory, particularly with those who had young children. When the second Lockdown happened we reverted to online services again although we had a well-attended and much appreciated, open-air Christmas Carol Service. An open-air Easter Day service was also held. Services have since been in Church with live streaming on YouTube.

Our preaching programme throughout the year was based on 1 & 2 Thessalonians and 1 & 2 Peter with seasonal messages. The majority of the preaching was delivered by the leadership team with one or two guest speakers providing a video message.

Other Activities & Highlights

One of the biggest implications of Lockdown has been our inability to work with the children and young people of our Church in the way that we would normally. Since March 2020 neither Sunday school, JAM Club or Little Sunbeams has operated and, in many cases, we did not see the children for 9 months. We did distribute end of the school year packs for the children and young people when families called at the Church socially distanced. Sunday school lessons were also produced and posted on YouTube. Our 60+ lunch club also had to stop but those who lead the work have delivered meals to those who are isolated and kept in contact by phone.

Church Building

As was reported last year we submitted plans to Dudley Planning Department for the Church extension. This resulted in a meeting via Zoom with the lead planning officer who informed us that she would not be able to support our application in its present form. A number of meetings took place with the architect and revisions were made to the plans. The plans were resubmitted on 9 December 2020 and were subsequently passed with a number of restrictions. During the year we had the side rooms reconfigured and redecorated.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019 have been independently examined. The accounts show a very satisfactory position. Funds held will be needed in the event of the Church deciding to move ahead with any building plans.

Principal Funding Sources

Donations and gifts are our main source of income and we are most appreciative of the continued support of church members and others who give in various ways. We do not make appeals for funding to people outside of Church membership other than through collections made at our Sunday morning family service. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Future Plans

Plans are being made for the various Church activities to reopen, in accordance with Government guidelines. The Family Service will be recorded for the benefit of those who cannot attend.

We are in the process of updating the Trust Deed for the Church in preparation for registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

We are encouraging the Church members to be thinking about the future leadership of the Church and to consider if we need to appoint someone who can work part time for the Church to get involved in the Church meetings and outreach.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees
on 10 October 2021



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Alan Harborne
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

518320

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:

J A Cooke

Date:

3 June 2021

Name:

Mrs J A Cooke

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

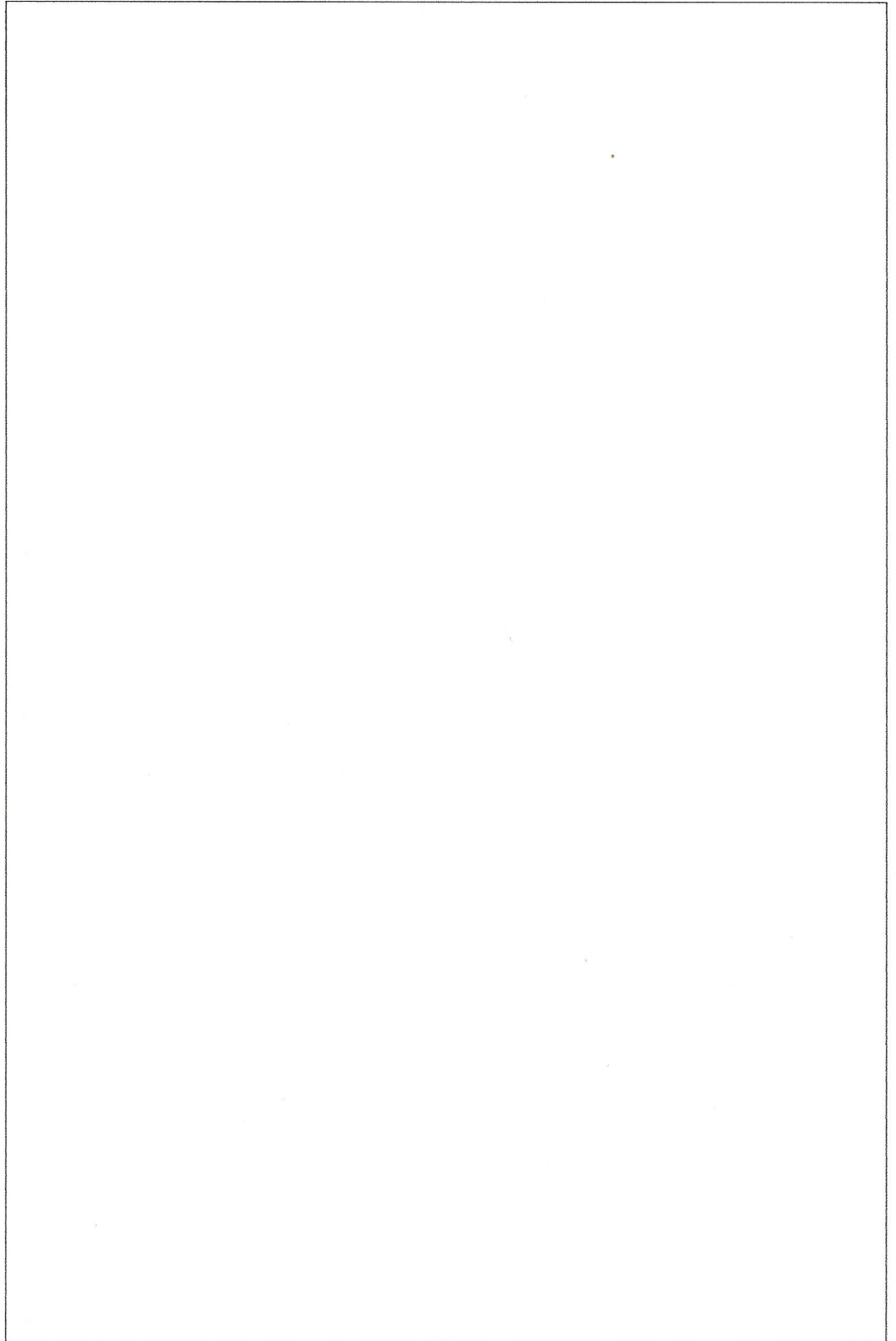
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u> £
Donations and Legacies	25940	300	26240	24295
Charitable Activities	0	487	487	2322
Other Income	0	585	585	330
Investments	70	0	70	92
TOTAL INCOME	26010	1372	27382	27039

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	20602	4874	25476	20781
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20602	4874	25476	20781
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	5408	-3502	1906	6258
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	32854	5213	38067	31809
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	38262	1711	39973	38067

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2020

<u>2019</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2020</u>
5370.11	Offerings & Donations	6216.00
13827.50	Gift Aid Donations	13398.15
3414.60	HMRC Tax Refund	6325.00
2.94	Offertory Box	
1354.95	Gifts for Building Fund	
325.30	Gifts for Missionary Fund	
2322.25	60 + Group	487.40
	Legacy for 60+	300.00
91.62	Interest Received	70.09
330.00	Quinta 2020	585.00
<u>27039.27</u>	Total Income	<u>27381.64</u>
31808.62	Opening Balance	38067.36
<u>58847.89</u>		<u>65449.00</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
89.89	Gas	1029.00
411.19	Electricity	474.00
92.63	Water Rates - Church	66.56
959.52	Insurance - Church	987.46
815.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	140.00
2800.00	Gifts to Missionaries	2950.00
2760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	2760.00
1848.01	Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements	11982.90
1848.00	Dudley MBC Planning Fee	
	Church Weekend Quinta	600.00
1177.98	Computer	
760.55	Youth Expenses	244.61
120.00	Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS)	120.00
2527.38	60+ Group	466.57
337.54	Outreach Expenses	115.06
646.01	CCLI - Copyright Licence	690.85
879.72	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	125.29
326.37	Insurance - Church House	335.14
542.10	Water Rates - Church House	540.07
475.20	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	427.20
1363.44	Church House Council Tax	1421.51
<u>20780.53</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>25476.22</u>
38067.36	Balance Carried Forward	39972.78
<u>58847.89</u>		<u>65449.00</u>
	Represented By:	
1193.15	Current Account	416.75
36863.17	Savings Account	39445.85
11.04	Cash in Hand	110.18
<u>38067.36</u>		<u>39972.78</u>

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

Restricted Funds

	<u>Building</u>	<u>Quinta</u>	<u>60+</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2019	4407	330	476	5213
income for the year	0	585	787	1372
Expenditure for the year	-4407	0	-467	-4874
Balances as at 31 December 2020	0	915	796	1711

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2019	32854
Net movement in year	5408
Balance as at 31 December 2020	<u>38262</u>

The Trustees have designated £800 to the Building Fund

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	1711
Designated Funds	800
Unrestricted Funds	<u>37462</u>
	<u>39973</u>